

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**

**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

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| << | Focus occupation element is much lower             |
| <  | Focus occupation element is lower                  |
| 0  | Focus occupation element is at a similar level     |
| >  | Focus occupation element is at a higher level      |
| >> | Focus occupation element is at a much higher level |

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 94

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**

**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

| Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating |    | Evaluation of Focus Occupation                         |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----|--|
| Public Safety and Security                     | 6.9                             | 16.8                           | 20.0                      | >  | Current knowledge level is likely sufficient           |
| Law and Government                             | 5.9                             | 16.5                           | 17.9                      | 0  | Current knowledge level may be sufficient              |
| Customer and Personal Service                  | 11.3                            | 13.8                           | 17.0                      | >  | Current knowledge level is likely sufficient           |
| Telecommunications                             | 3.9                             | 7.1                            | 10.9                      | >> | Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient |
| Geography                                      | 3.9                             | 6.7                            | 6.0                       | <  | Expanded education and/or training may be required     |

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

| Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating |   | Evaluation of Focus Occupation        |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Active Listening                            | 11.0                            | 14.0                           | 13.5                      | 0 | Current skill level may be sufficient |
| Critical Thinking                           | 10.8                            | 13.6                           | 13.5                      | 0 | Current skill level may be sufficient |
| Speaking                                    | 10.8                            | 13.6                           | 12.6                      | 0 | Current skill level may be sufficient |
| Social Perceptiveness                       | 9.1                             | 11.4                           | 12.5                      | 0 | Current skill level may be sufficient |
| Persuasion                                  | 7.4                             | 9.7                            | 11.0                      | > | Skill level is likely sufficient      |
| Negotiation                                 | 6.8                             | 9.6                            | 11.2                      | > | Skill level is likely sufficient      |

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**

**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

| Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements | Average Rating, All Occupations | Associated Occupation's Rating | Focus Occupation's Rating |   | Evaluation of Focus Occupation             |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Problem Sensitivity                            | 11.1                            | 13.9                           | 14.8                      | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient    |
| Inductive Reasoning                            | 10.2                            | 13.7                           | 13.6                      | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient    |
| Deductive Reasoning                            | 10.6                            | 13.4                           | 13.0                      | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient    |
| Near Vision                                    | 11.1                            | 12.9                           | 12.3                      | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient    |
| Speech Recognition                             | 9.9                             | 12.2                           | 11.1                      | 0 | Current ability level may be sufficient    |
| Time Sharing                                   | 6.6                             | 8.2                            | 9.6                       | > | Current ability level is likely sufficient |

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**

**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

| Work Activities  | Exclusivity of Activity |
|--|-------------------------|
| Analyze existing evidence or facts                                     | 69                      |
| Apply appropriate physical restraint                                   | 71                      |
| Apprehend or arrest suspect or perpetrator of criminal act             | 84                      |
| Communicate details in protective services settings                    | 71                      |
| Compile biological data for criminal investigations                    | 89                      |
| Conduct legal searches or investigations                               | 82                      |
| Cooperate with court personnel or other law enforcement agencies       | 81                      |
| Drive automobile, van, or light truck                                  | 53                      |
| Enforce laws, ordinances, or regulations                               | 66                      |
| Follow law enforcement methods or procedures                           | 76                      |
| Gather physical evidence   | 76                      |
| Identify firearms or weapons   | 87                      |
| Interview crime witnesses or victims to obtain descriptive information | 87                      |
| Investigate complaints, disturbances, or violations                    | 75                      |
| Locate persons ( skip tracing )  | 89                      |
| Maintain firearms proficiency  | 95                      |
| Maintain records, reports, or files                                    | 5                       |
| Make decisions   | 24                      |
| Make presentations   | 13                      |

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| Make public presentations on law enforcement issues                        | 89 |
| Manage community relations for law enforcement agency                      | 92 |
| Manage detailed records or files in law enforcement setting                | 85 |
| Operate cameras  | 74 |
| Operate vehicles in law enforcement or security setting                    | 82 |
| Pilot aircraft   | 85 |
| Prepare reports  | 8  |
| Reach conclusions quickly in law enforcement situations                    | 89 |
| Read maps  | 42 |
| Recognize physical or emotional abuse                                      | 68 |
| Recognize public safety hazards  | 68 |
| Review facts to determine if criminal act or statute violation is involved | 92 |
| Ride horses during law enforcement work                                    | 95 |
| Serve arrest, search or seizure warrants                                   | 92 |
| Serve or issue summonses or subpoenas                                      | 92 |
| Testify in court for accident and criminal cases                           | 78 |
| Use arrest, search, or seizure legal statutes                              | 84 |
| Use conflict resolution techniques   | 56 |
| Use firearms   | 82 |
| Use interviewing procedures  | 23 |
| Use knowledge of investigation techniques                                  | 16 |
| Use oral or written communication techniques                               | 1  |
| Use surveillance techniques  | 87 |

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 94

**Focus Occupation: Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers (33-3051)**  
**Associated Occupation: Detectives and Criminal Investigators (33-3021)**

| Tools and Technologies                            | Exclusivity |
|---|-------------|
| Cameras   | 2           |
| Clinical forensics equipment and supplies         | 56          |
| Computer data input devices                       | 2           |
| Computers   | 1           |
| Content authoring and editing software            | 1           |
| Crowd control equipment                           | 56          |
| Data management and query software                | 1           |
| Dispensing tools                                  | 6           |
| Emergency and field medical services kits         | 19          |
| Emergency medical services resuscitation products | 15          |
| Firearms  | 35          |
| Forensic equipment and supplies and accessories   | 51          |
| Indicating and recording instruments              | 2           |

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| Information exchange software                           | 1  |
| Lamps   | 19 |
| Length and thickness and distance measuring instruments | 2  |
| Light and wave generating and measuring equipment       | 4  |
| Measuring and layout tools                              | 3  |
| Network applications software                           | 1  |
| Non destructive examination equipment                   | 13 |
| Personal communication devices                          | 2  |
| Pyrotechnics  | 47 |
| Radar and sonar systems and components                  | 24 |
| Respiratory protection                                  | 6  |
| Safety and rescue vehicles                              | 37 |
| Safety apparel  | 4  |
| Security and control equipment                          | 30 |
| Surveillance and detection equipment                    | 11 |
| Traffic control   | 47 |
| Viewing and observing instruments and accessories       | 4  |
| Vision protection and accessories                       | 3  |

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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